

Lane Plating Works Superfund Site



**Community Meeting
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5322 Bonnie View Road in Dallas, TX.



Site History:

- Site is a former electroplating facility that operated for approximately 90 years
- Nov. and Dec. 2015 – TCEQ conducted a limited removal action to secure immediate site hazards
- Feb. 2016 – TCEQ collected groundwater samples from on-site facility wells
- Jan. and Feb. 2016 – Site referred to TCEQ and EPA Superfund/Removals Programs



Facility conducted primarily hard chromium and cadmium plating

Operations ceased in 2015

Imminent threats have been removed. Primary hazard left in-place is on-site contaminated soil, site is secured

While the facility was in operation, TCEQ conducted investigations and pursued formal enforcement in response to a series of hazardous waste violations (2010-2015)

Operations ceased in 2015 when owners filed for bankruptcy

Nov. and Dec. 2015 – additional info. on TCEQ removal action. Within days of the bankruptcy, TCEQ

-Secured the facility and re-packaged chemicals to facilitate proper disposal

-Pumped and containerized waste from two on-site sumps

-Properly disposed of six containers of cyanide materials off-site

On-site groundwater sample:

-Chromium/hexavalent chromium detected above EPA/TCEQ regulatory levels in one well

-hold time for CrVI exceeded by one day, data review not performed.

While this work was being performed, TCEQ was also working with EPA to refer the site.

Preliminary Assessment/ Site Inspection:

- TCEQ Superfund Section performed site assessment activities under a federal EPA grant
- Feb. to May 2016 – Preliminary Assessment (PA)
 - Site reconnaissance and review of available information
- June 2016 to Jan. 2017 – Site Inspection (SI)
 - Collect new information and sampling data



Preliminary Assessment:

- Evaluated migration/exposure pathways; we check to see if contamination is present at a site, how is it most likely to be transported, through surface water, groundwater, air, soil, sediment
- Evaluated receptors and potential sources-e.g., we looked for drinking water wells in the area and sensitive environments such as wetlands or waterbodies where people might be fishing
- Most receptors identified within the surface water pathway

Groundwater pathway ruled out:

- TCEQ performed water well database search and visited the neighborhood to look for wells in immediate site vicinity
- no drinking water wells located within 1.0 mile of site
- confirmed neighborhoods around site are supplied water by City of Dallas, a surface water source of drinking water
- surface water intakes for City of Dallas are located upstream from the site
- confirmed Trinity River near site is not used or designated as public supply of drinking water
- City of Dallas water supply is subject to regulation/oversight and regular water testing

Site Investigation:

- Collected approximately 13 sediment/surface water paired samples and 8 soil samples
- Evaluated surface water migration pathway
- Several metals attributable to the site were detected in surface water and sediment samples above background concentrations, but below contact recreation values
- Primary receptors near the site are small streams and associated wetlands

Soil samples

- No off-site soil exceedances of human health benchmarks at this time
- Current soil contamination is limited to on-site property

Soil investigation will be expanded on during EPA Superfund process

-At the same time we were conducting our assessment activities, EPA also performed a removal action which they will discuss later

Site Listing to National Priorities List:

- Feb. 2017 to Jan. 2018 – Hazard Ranking System (HRS) package developed and site proposed to National Priorities List (NPL)
 - Site eligible for NPL based on detected levels of metals to the surface water migration pathway
- May 2018 – Site listed on the NPL
- Soil, groundwater, and surface water pathways to be further evaluated under EPA Superfund process



-The purpose of the HRS is to determine if a site should be placed on the NPL. It is a screening tool used by EPA, not a risk assessment

-HRS benchmarks (evaluation numbers) are very conservative screening values, they are not clean-up values. I would also like to emphasize that the information gathered for the HRS (through the PA and SI we just discussed) is preliminary. A thorough evaluation of site conditions will be done by EPA in the Superfund process.

Additional info if needed: Metals detected above HRS benchmarks attributable to the site include cyanide, lead, mercury, chromium, copper, manganese, mercury, nickel, and zinc

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EPA's Role

- ▶ **Implement the Superfund law which allows EPA to clean up contaminated sites.**

- ▶ **Goals**
 - Protect human health and the environment
 - Involve communities in the process
 - Return sites to productive use

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EPA Actions

- ▶ 2016 - TCEQ referred the site to EPA. EPA immediate response to remove surface wastes.
- ▶ 2018 - EPA adds the Site to the National Priorities List to complete the long-term cleanup.
- ▶ 2019 - EPA begins studies for long-term cleanup.

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What EPA will study

► **Soils**

- Contamination from metal plating operations.

► **Surface Water**

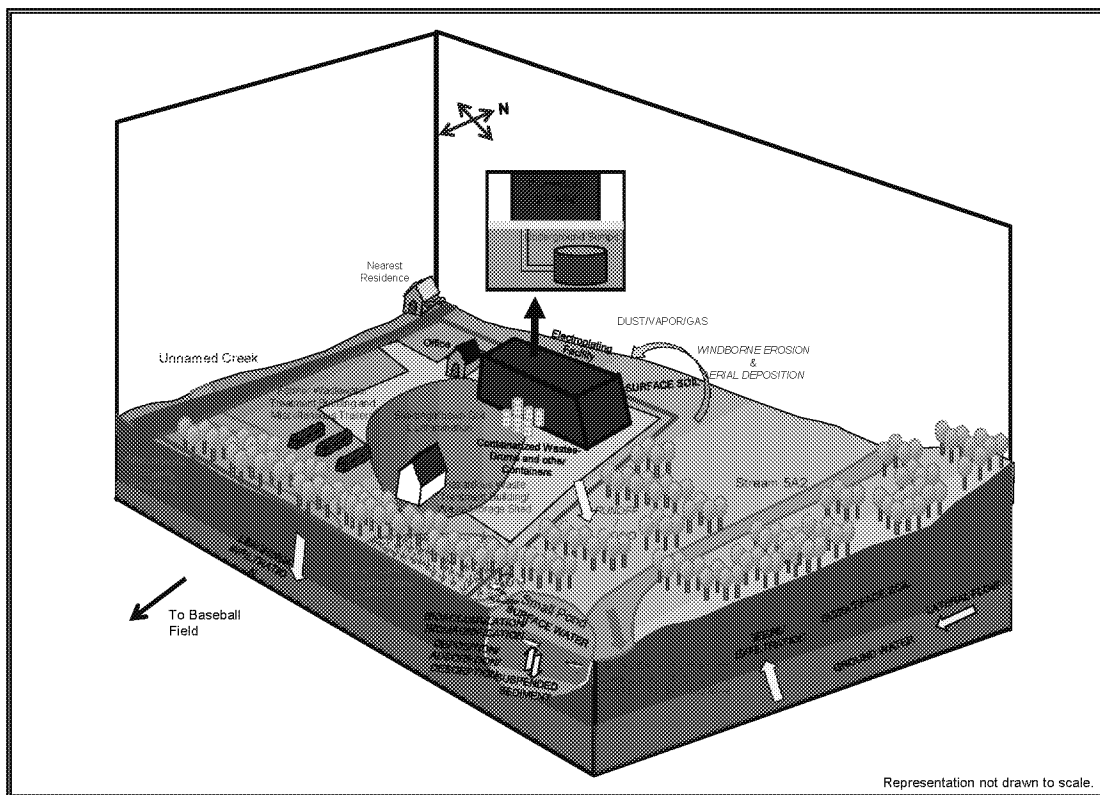
- Runoff from the Site into nearby creeks.

► **Groundwater**

- Contamination can seep to groundwater and discharge to surface water.
- **Groundwater is not used for drinking water around the Site.**

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Graphical Presentation of the Preliminary Human Health Conceptual Site Model

Priorities

► **Ensure no current human exposure**

- Contact with site soils.
- Contact with surface water.
- Consumption of groundwater.

► **Develop long-term cleanup plans**

► **Engage the community in the solutions**

► **Implement the cleanup**

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What is next?

- ▶ **Install new groundwater wells and sample**
 - Evaluate how contamination can move

- ▶ **Collect additional soils data**
 - Determine depth of soil contamination
 - Sample in areas of surface water runoff

- ▶ **Collect Sediment and Surface Water Samples**
 - Evaluate possible impact from surface water runoff

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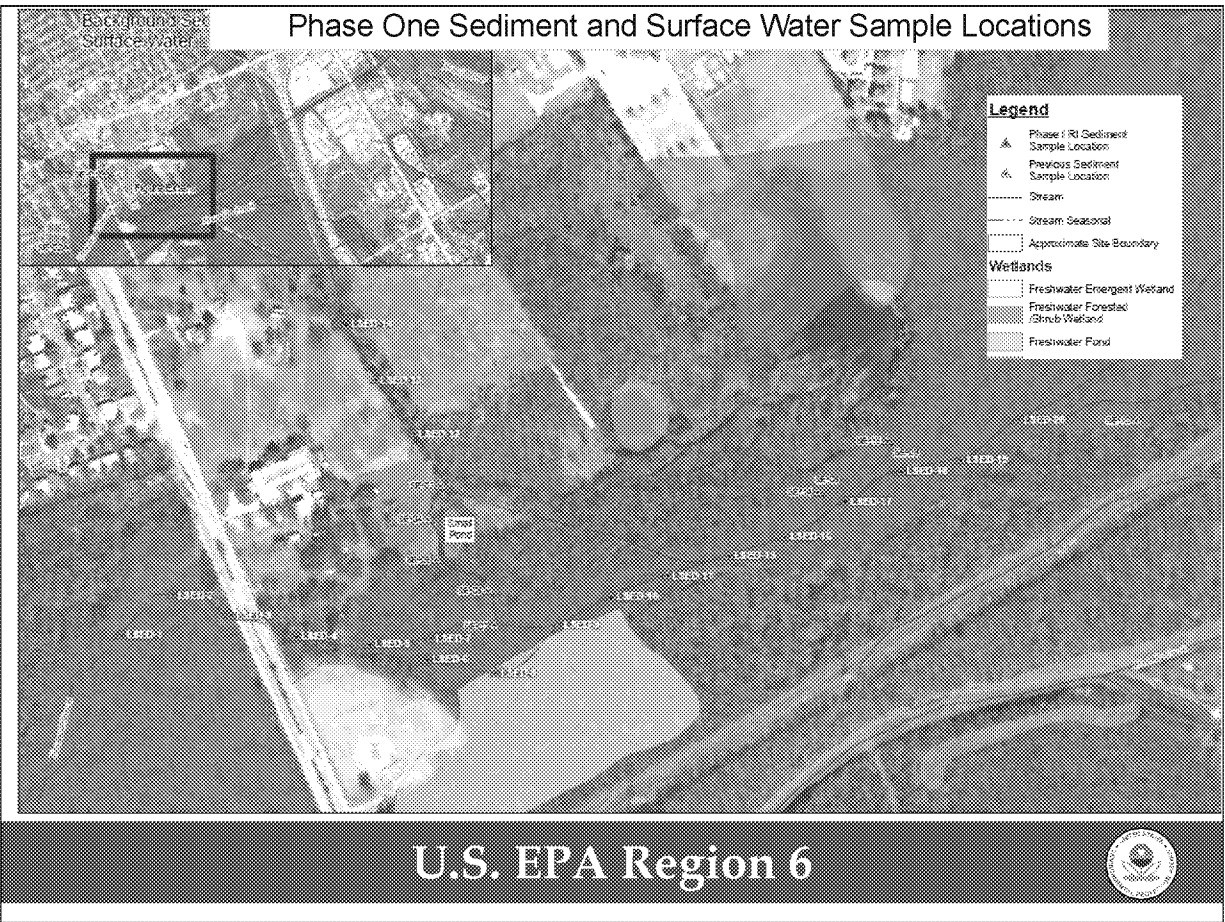


Phase One Soil Boring Locations and Existing Soil Data

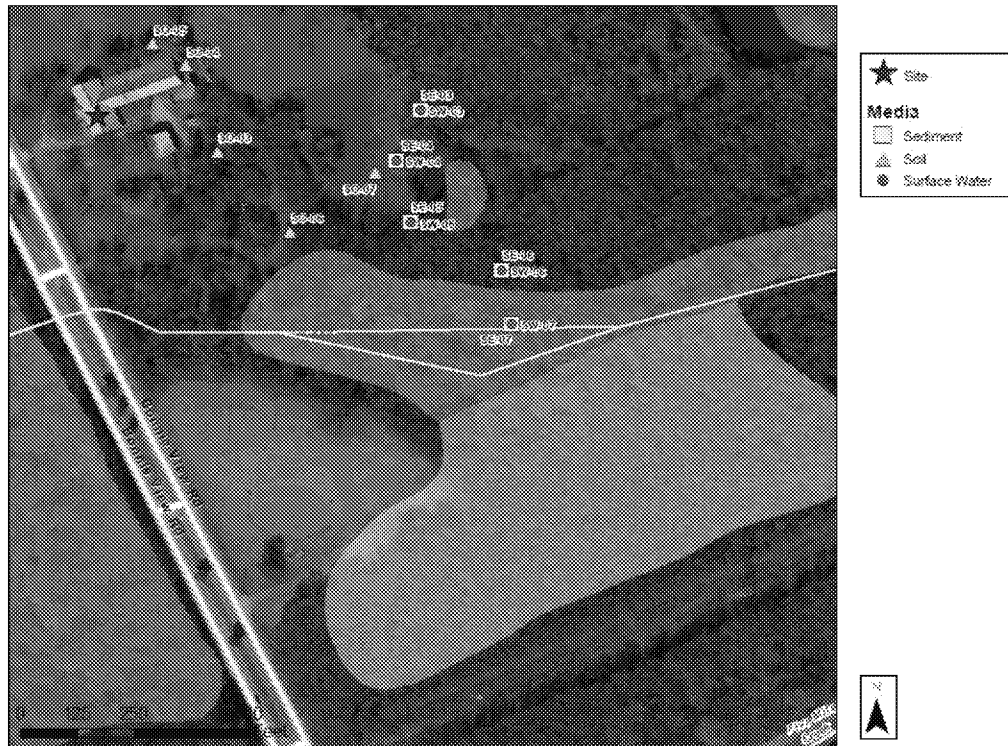


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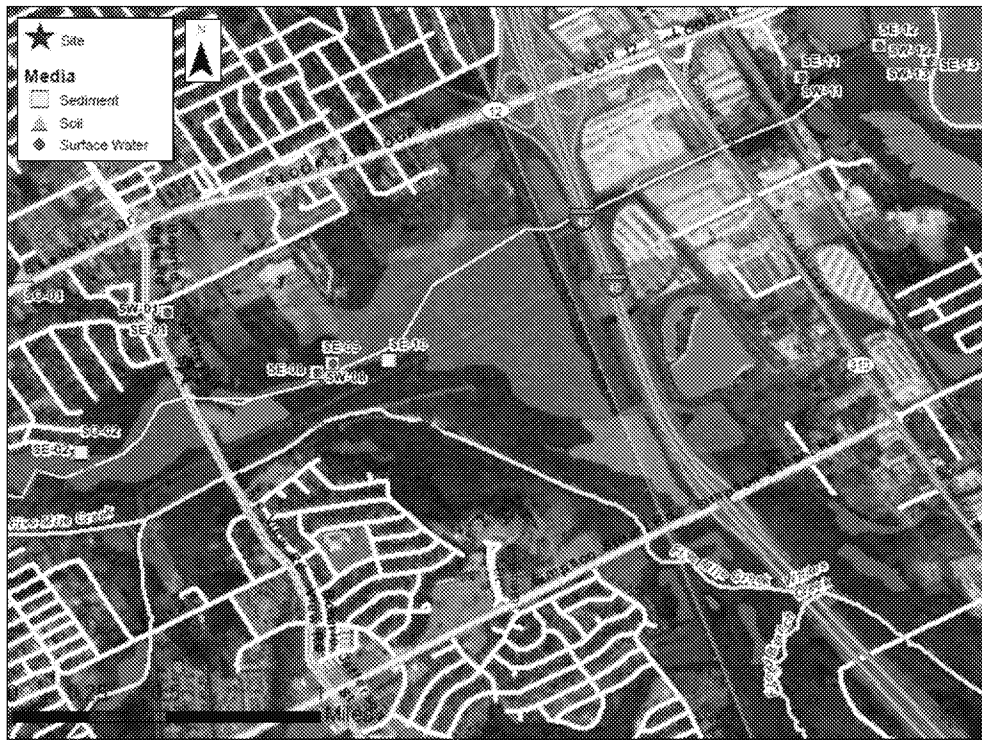


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